

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The VOICE

June-July, 2016

PASTOR TONY'S MESSAGE

Thank You

As I prepare for this newsletter, the one main topic came to mind, Thank you!

I cannot help but look back on where I have come thus far in my ministry. April 22nd marked 24 years of license ministry and May 28th marked 21 years of ordained ministry. On June 8th, I will have served here at St John's UCC for two years. The old adage, "Time flies when you're having fun" must be true, because I cannot believe two years are completed. While I may not look much older now, this church has given me many opportunities to grow and mature in our covenant with each other.

I have learned so much from each of you. I have had the blessing and honor to journey with some of you through your darkest days and for others I have been there as you experience your most precious moments. In each moment, I was not just a symbolic representation. It allowed me to walk alongside you as God sharpened my ministry. You have welcomed me into your church family and given me the privilege of baptizing, holding, and watching your little ones learn and grow in love for God and for God's people. I officiated at your weddings and celebrated the love that God gives us to share. I could not have confirmed such a wonderful group of young people. I have cried with you as you watch your loved ones serenaded by angels and being lowered to their final resting places. More so, I witnessed and participated in the many seasons of the church year and events in life that God has given us. We tried new things and wrestled with continuing old things. However, one thing is for sure: you should continue to hold on to traditions and make new ones. The task is not easy; however, with God, all things are possible.

Each one of you has opened your heart up to me, welcomed me, and allowed me to be a part of this wonderful church family. For this and so much more, hopefully you receive as I try to express my gratitude. You have helped me find my preaching voice, participated as I consecrated the elements of Holy Communion and laying on of hands as we approach the altar together. Thank you for journeying with me as I continue to learn what it means to be your pastor. I feel so blessed to be a part of this congregation, and I am so excited to see what God has in store for us in the years ahead. St John's U.C.C., enjoy your summer months; stay hydrated and do things that will add to your life longevity. Oh, by the way, eat plenty of ice cream!

Shalom Blessings
Pastor Tony



Vacation Bible School



**Come join us this summer
at the Surf Shack!**

July 18 to 22, 2016, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Age levels: pre-k to 6th Grade

Catch the wave of God's amazing love this summer at St. John's UCC!

We are still in need of volunteers. Anyone who is interested please call me,
Jodie Fields @ 717-673-4287.

CONGREGATION LIFE REPORT

An attempt to have a birthday social in June had to be moved to October because of lack of interest. We encourage every member to sign up and participate in this very popular event. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd. Check the bulletin board in the Social hall and pick a month that you would like to represent. Then, get several friends to come and join you for an evening of fun and lively social interaction.

Another event the committee is working on is getting a bus to go to Sight and Sound sometime this summer. The play "Samson" is currently booked at Sight and Sound. More information on this project will be announced as soon as a date can be selected. The Committee consists of Jean Ann Grimes, Pat Ziegler, Aleta Babe and Brenda Good.

St. John's United Church of Christ Graduates

Our Graduates Are:

The High School Graduates:

Noah Gingrich

Noah is the son of Keith and Robin Gingrich. He will graduate from Northern Lebanon High School on June 2nd and will be attending East Stroudsburg University in the fall, majoring in Sports Management.

Tiffany Nace

Tiffany is the daughter of Michael and Linda Nace. She will graduate from Cedar Crest High School on June 3rd and will be attending HACC in the fall, majoring in Nursing.

Rachael Quairola

Rachael is the daughter of Joe and Donnette Quairola. She will graduate from Northern Lebanon High School on June 2nd. She is currently employed by Subway in Jonestown, where she is a shift leader. In her free time she enjoys going to the races, hanging out with friends, and watching movies. In the fall she will be attending Lebanon Valley College to major in Elementary Education with a specialty in special Education.

Dylan Walmer

Dylan is the son of Jeff and Kadie Walmer & Grandson of Larry and Louise Walmer & Great Grandson of Madelyn Fegan. He will graduate from Northern Lebanon High School & Lebanon Co. Vo-Tech on June 2nd and he enrolled in the US Air Force.

The College Graduates are:

Jordan Seltzer

Jordan is the son of Robert & Melissa Seltzer & Grandson of Joyce Myers, Lloyd Brandt & Charlotte Seltzer. Great Grandson of Kathryn Myers. Graduated May 14th from Messiah College with a BS in Health and Physical Education. His future plans include securing a teaching position, and coaching job. Jordan has left for his cross cultural experience through Messiah College. He is living with an Amish family in Ohio for several days, and then goes to live with another Amish family in Lancaster following that.

Zachary Zechman

Zachary is the son of Marlin & Jodi Zechman and Grandson of Marlene Zechman. He will graduate from Alvernia College in Reading. He is going to be a Policeman.



JUNE WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, June 5, 2016
Third Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 17:8-24
Psalm 146
Galatians 1: 11-24
Luke 7:11-17

Sunday, June 12, 2016
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 21:1-15a
Psalm 5: 1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

Sunday, June 19, 2016
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 19:1-15a
Psalm 42
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 26, 2016
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

JULY WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, July 3, 2016
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:1-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 10, 2016
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians: 1: 1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17, 2016
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 8: 1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10: 38-42

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, July 31, 2016
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107: 1-9
Colossians 3: 1-11
Luke 12:13-21



JUNE CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

1 Holli Brown	10 Diane Mohn	18 Bailey Lynam
3 Donna Eberly-Lehman	12 Michelle Walmer	19 Clint Fegan
3 Hunter Zohn	12 Joe Miller	20 Gina Lutz
4 Greg Yingst	14 Anne Rankin	22 Dave Marinkov
5 Gail Grimes	17 Jeff Walmer	23 Jean Ann Grimes
6 Jim Rudy	17 Grayclin Griffiths	26 Harry Swanger
8 Nick Benfer	18 Karen Davis	30 Haley Martin
10 Taylor Gingrich		

Happy Anniversary to:

11 Dave & Lori Marinkov
 21 Julie & Joe Ditzler
 22 Glenn & Margaret Rudy

If your information is incorrect or not included, please contact the church

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

June Readers

June 5- Wendy Dorsey
 June 12 - Neal Grimes
 June 19— Keith Gingrich
 June 26- Robin Getz

June Flowers

June 5— Neal & Jean Ann Grimes
 June 12- Pam & Gary Emery
 June 19- Joe & Julie Ditzler
 June 26— OPEN

MAY Attendance

May 1— 48
 May 8— 55
 May 15 - 49
 May 22 -
 May 29 -

June Bulletins

June 5— Neal & Jean Ann Grimes
 June 12- Pam & Gary Emery
 June 19- Joe & Julie Ditzler
 June 26- OPEN

June Coffee Host

June 5— Jean Ann Grimes
 June 12- Jean Ann Grimes
 June 19- Jean Ann Grimes
 June 26- Jean Ann Grimes

June Deacon
 Brenda Good

SPONSORS NEEDED:

Flowers: June 12th 26th
 July 3rd, 10th, & 24th
 Bulletins: June 12th & 26th
 July 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st



JULY CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

5 Earl Ziegler
6 Phil Eberhart
7 Steve Stoltz
8 Dalton Kapp
8 Sara Schott
9 Eleanor Yiengst
11 Tyler Marinkov

11 Bob Seltzer
15 Kevin Shilling
19 Beverly Myers
20 Scott Kless
20 Beth Ann Griffiths
21 Joan Losiewicz
21 Denise Voshell

22 Priscilla Dearwechter
23 Rachael Quairol
25 Kellie Davis
26 Karen Kern
28 Pastor Tony Fields
31 Aleta Babe

Happy Anniversary to:

4 Stefanie & Anthony Shutter 18 Pat & Earl Ziegler 28 Brad & Becky Griffiths

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Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

July Readers

July 3- Jodie Fields
July 10- Brenda Good
July 17- Charlene Ziegler
July 24- Paul Smith
July 31- Youth Sunday

July Flowers

July 3- OPEN
July 10- OPEN
July 17- Ken & Violet Leibensperger
July 24- OPEN
July 31- Pastor Tony Fields

July Deacon
Pat Ziegler

July Bulletins

July 3- OPEN
July 10- OPEN
July 17- Ken & Violet Leibensperger
July 24- OPEN
July 31- OPEN

July Coffee Host

July 3- Brenda Good
July 10- Brenda Good
July 17- Brenda Good
July 24- Brenda Good
July 31- Brenda Good



From the Christian Education Corner by Angie Michael

Surf Shack VBS is July 18-22, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

For children ages pre-k through sixth grade—come out to learn about Jesus, play some games, make some crafts, meet new friends, and have some fun! Registration forms are available on the website or from the church office. Though pre-registration is encouraged, it is not required!

Christian Education sponsored events:

Friday, July 22nd at the church: Jim Rule Concert & Ice Cream Party— 7 p.m.—concert at 8 p.m. ice cream party

Everyone's invited for this concert as we close out VBS! Bring family and friends—work up an appetite dancing and singing along at the concert for the ice cream party that follows.

Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m., at the church:

Come out for some fun and games on the church lawn—and there'll be pizza too!

St. John's Fellowship by Ginny Knapp

Get set to enjoy a night of fun and fellowship Tuesday, June 8th as we gather at Kauffman's Restaurant and Miniature Golf Park. Everyone is invited to join in the fun! This will be our Mother's Day – Father's Day celebration.

The group netted \$1,253.88 as a result of the April Flea Market and Bake Sale. Many, many thanks to all who donated, worked, and supported this event. Without your help, we could not do this!

Priscilla Rentschler, President, reported we made \$600.00 on our recent Avon project. Kass Myers was the leading saleslady. Again, we appreciate the support we get from the congregation and friends to raise these funds. We voted to give \$1,000.00 to the church treasury as part of our annual budget amount.

There will be no meetings in June or July. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00 PM. Why not put this on your calendar now and plan to attend. We really need your help to keep this organization available for the good of OUR church.

NOTICE

No bible study after May 25th. Midweek Bible study and prayer service will be on hiatus until September.

Pastor Tony

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards I have received and the prayers that I receive each and every day. I appreciate ALL of the St. John's cheerleaders during this time.

Robin Getz

Music and Worship Committee by Louise Walmer

The Music and Worship Committee met on Monday, May 9th at Pastor Tony's home. Charlene Ziegler led our devotion time, focusing on Psalm 34: 1-10. She read from the Living Bible and verse 10a caught my attention; "even the strong young lions sometimes go hungry". Wow! Isn't a whole sermon could be preached about that?

JB Yorty and Rita Geesaman were our guest organists throughout May so that Beth Ann could attend to Marc's needs while he received his stem cell transplant. Many thanks go to JB and Rita. We appreciated that they were able to share their musical gifts with us. Pink carnations were distributed by the children to all the women in church on Mother's Day.

Twenty-five red geraniums decorated our sanctuary for Pentecost on May 15th. The geraniums were planted in the church flower beds by the Fellowship Group before their meeting on Tuesday, May 17th. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the geraniums and to the Fellowship Group for planting them.

Our 2016 Graduates were recognized at the May 29th worship service.

Pastor Tony will be on vacation Sunday, June 12 and Rev. Allen Helwig will bring the message to us that day. Neal Grimes has agreed to assist Rev. Helwig as Lay Leader. Sr. Choir will be taking their summer break beginning June 12. Charlene has agreed to coordinate our summer music schedule. I can't say how many years she has done this but is a lot. I do this from September to June and I appreciate that she takes care of this responsibility so that I have a break too.

Sr. Choir by Louise Walmer

The choir will take its annual break after singing, beginning Sunday, June 12. We sincerely thank all the choir members for volunteering their time and voices attending rehearsals, singing anthems, and leading the singing during our worship services.

The Music and Worship Committee will be looking for members and friends of the congregation to provide Special Music in place of the anthem throughout our summer break. Charlene has once again agreed to keep the Summer Music Schedule. Please call Charlene Ziegler at 865-5965 if you are willing to provide special music for a Sunday worship service or know someone who will.

Lebanon Association Choirfest 2016

The Lebanon UCC Association Life Committee will be sponsoring a Choirfest event in the fall. You do not have to be a choir member to sing in this event. Anyone who is interested in singing with a large choir is invited to participate.

Please tell Louise if you are interested. Your time commitment will be: 2 or 3 rehearsals on a Saturday and the event on a Sunday afternoon or early evening.

Evangelism Committee by Neal Grimes

The Evangelism Committee is busy preparing for this year's National Night Out event. It will be held at Bethel Township, (Lions Park) on Tuesday, August 2nd. We are joined again this year by Hamlin UCC, Lickdale Victory Church and Fredericksburg Baptist Church. A meeting with a date and site to be determined will be held during the first week in June.

Representing this committee from our church are: Terry Knapp, Walter, Bolles, Scott Benfer, Regina Engler, Pastor Tony Fields, Jodie Fields & Neal Grimes.

NEW HORIZONS 2016

New Horizons is an opportunity for fellowship for single adults, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee of the Lebanon Association, Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ. For additional information for future programs, please call Betty Holdren (866-2013), Dolores Wolfe (867-1807), Eleanor Hollowell (865-8087), Etta Cuddelford (273-8140), Eleanor Baylor (865-4977), Ann Wagner (867-2675), or Patricia Rentschler (685-1492).

July 14—Thursday—Bus trip to "Ehrhardt's Dinner Theater—Escape on the Lake". A boat ride, dinner and show. Cost is \$65.00 per person. Leaving Fisher Bus Terminal at 7:00 AM

August 20—(Note date and time) 1:00 PM—Picnic—"Pot Luck" at Jonestown Community Park. Games and Fellowship and bring a prize for bingo.

September 26-29—Shore

October 22—2:00PM—Meet at UCC Church in Annville and dinner location to be announced. Program by Wayne Anspach, "The Blue Eyed Six", and music.

November 26- (9:00 AM Breakfast at "Country Fare Restaurant", Myerstown. Reservations due by November 19th.

December—Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with family and friends.

Financial Report by Robin Getz, Finance Chair

Total Revenue	(1/1/16– 4/30/16)	\$ 30,222.86
Total Expenses	(1/1/16– 4/30/16)	\$ 37,431.38

We need to collect \$1923.07 weekly to meet budget and currently we are averaging \$1718.39 per week. As you can see, we are running behind projections by \$204.68 plus dollars on a weekly average basis. We must also consider the lost giving of all of our precious members who have passed away over this last year. That fact has also added to our shortfall. There is serious concern with our ability at meeting budget over the 2016 year which will result in utilizing more of our cash reserves than anticipated, shortening the life bread of our church. When the budget was presented at the congregational meeting held in November 2015, we were very clear that the continual shortfall would continue to be detrimental to the church's financial health. We truly need to consider ways to either raise revenue through solid fundraising (and not just the committee of 5) OR look at ways to cut expenses which will mean some truly tough choices as there really is not "fluff" in the approved budget. We truly believe the time for doing multiple dinners or breakfasts is long overdue. We must look to outside sources to close the budget gap. We must look at our inside sources if we are to pull this off. We ask our members to pray very hard on this matter and to speak with members of the budget and finance committee or members of Consistory. We need your prayers and assistance more than ever!!

The Financial Committee is always diligent with monitoring expenses. I am thankful for the dedication of the members and their continued efforts. Note: We are always looking for members to serve and, if there is any interest, they can contact me.

**NEW ADDRESS:**

Karen Light
206 Creek Dr
Lebanon PA 17042
Phone: 717-277-5190

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	2 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	3	4
5 NO Christian Connection 10:30 AM Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	6 Pastor Tony Vacation 7:00 PM Consistory Meeting	7 Pastor Tony Vacation Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	8 Pastor Tony Vacation Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 5:30 PM—?? Mother's Day & Father's Day Social At Kauffman's	9 Pastor Tony Vacation Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	10 Pastor Tony Vacation	11 Pastor Tony Vacation
12 Pastor Tony Vacation NO Christian Connection 10:30 AM Worship JOY Pantry	13	14 Office Hours 9:00 AM—4:00 PM	15 Office Hours 9:00 AM—4:00 PM	16 Office Hours 9:00 AM—1:00 PM	17	18
19 NO Christian Connection 10:30 AM Worship	20	21 Secretary Vacation Day	22 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	23 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	24	25
26 NO Christian Connection 10:30 AM Worship Deacon Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	27	28	29	30		

July 2016

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3 NO Christian Connection 10:30 AM Worship (Communion) (Helen Walmer Fund Sunday)	4  <small>© wonderparts.com</small>	5 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	6 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	7 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	8	9
10 NO Christian Connection 10:30 AM Worship JOY Pantry Sunday	11	12 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	13 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	14 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	15	16
17 NO Christian Connection 10:30 AM Worship	18 Vacation Bible School 5:30PM—8:00PM	19 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Vacation Bible School 5:30PM—8:00PM	20 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Vacation Bible School 5:30PM—8:00PM	21 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Vacation Bible School 5:30PM—8:00PM	22 Vacation Bible School 5:30PM—8:00PM 7 PM Jim Rule Concert & 8 PM Ice Cream Party	23
24 NO Christian Connection 10:30 AM Worship Dine & Donate Sunday	25	26 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 6:30PM Carnival & Pizza Party—Lawn of St. John's	27 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	28 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	29	30
31 NO Christian Connection 10:30 AM Worship Deacon Fund Sunday					Upcoming Events: August 2 6PM—8PM—National Night Out August 14—11am Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic	

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**Every Sunday
10:30am Morning
Worship**

St. John's United Church of Christ is: A church of faith, heeding to God's call, through worship, evangelism, discipleship and fellowship. We are building on our church's history, while looking to our future. Our church is filled with messengers, who share the gift of God's love, with the community and beyond. We strive to be a church that reaches out to all with compassion, a vision of God's everlasting peace, and a witness of spiritual hope to our present and future generations. For all this and so much more, we pray in God's name.

Church Staff

Rev. Tony Fields, Sr. Pastor
Mrs. Beth Ann Griffiths, Organist
Mrs. Louise Walmer, Choir Director

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Pam Emery, Vice President
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